## NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF NEW HAVEN, INC.

# Community Sustainability VISTA Member

### Reports to:

Senior Project Manager of Construction and Energy Conservation

### Overview

Reduce poverty and drive systemic change in the "green" energy realm during a one-year position as a Community Sustainability VISTA Member at Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven (NHS). With electric rates in Connecticut being the second highest in the United States, it is no wonder low-income residents struggle to make ends meet. We aim to alleviate the cost burden of expensive energy by motivating residents to better understand how to reduce reliance on traditional electricity. We are looking for a motivated, local candidate to work closely with our team to support these initiatives in our target neighborhoods, Newhallville and the Hill.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Bi-weekly Stipend
- Education or End of Service Award
- Professional Development Training
- Health Coverage\* (For details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits please visit www.vistacampus.gov/healthcare)
- For more information about benefits visit: <a href="https://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service">https://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service</a>

## **Program Development and Capacity Building:**

- Help refine resident skill-building programs to align with neighborhood issues
- Revise educational materials and workshops to be more accessible to residents
- Strengthen NHS' role in alleviating poverty through systemic change in energy-efficiency, renewable energy, and behavior modification
- Plan educational opportunities for NHS staff to raise awareness of environmental issues that impact local residents

#### Requirements

- High School Diploma/GED
- Must be 18 years or older
- Vehicle recommended, but not required
- Be able to serve from 8/28/2018-8/27/2019

### **INTERESTED?**

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### **Community Engagement VISTA Member**

# Reports to:

Director of Community Building and Organizing

## Overview

Fight poverty and inspire change during a one-year position as a Community Engagement VISTA Member at Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven (NHS). We are looking for a local, motivated candidate to work closely with our Community Building and Organizing team to support the development of resident leadership programs and to recruit volunteers to help with resident-led projects in our target neighborhoods (Newhallville and the Hill)

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## **Resident Engagement**

- Help NHS strengthen relationships with existing resident-led groups, community management teams, and other community organizations
- Work with our Community Building and Organizing team to recruit participants for NHS' training programs in order to build residents' capacity to effect change in their communities

## **Capacity Building**

- Increase recruitment efforts for volunteers to participate in community-based service projects
- Establish and maintain a system for coordinating the outreach and relationship tracking of prospective resident leaders, volunteers, and community stakeholders
- Establish communications schedule and collaborate with the Communications Manager create materials to maintain contact volunteers and resident participants

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